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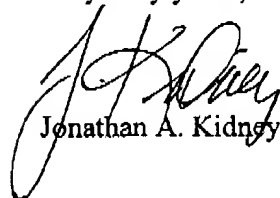
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Re: U.S. Patent Appln. S.N.: 09/138,832
Inventor: MAEGAWA et al.
Atty Docket No.: 103203-08003

Dear Examiner Hayes:

Please find attached a courtesy copy of the Preliminary Amendment filed in the above-identified application on May 24, 2002.

Very truly yours,



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In re the application of:

MAEGAWA et al.

Art Unit: 2161

Application No.: 09/148,832

Examiner: J. Hayes

Filed: September 4, 1998

For: NETWORK SYSTEM, DATA
MEDIUM ON WHICH DATA
CAN BE READ BY COMPUTERCORDING
AND WHICHCommissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits in

Application, please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 2, 18, and 35, and add new claim 51 as follows:

2. (Once Amended) A network system as set forth in claim 51, wherein:

the boundary set for said data package includes a boundary relating to charging for
a transaction of said content,said information of said predetermined attribute included in the data package
includes information relating to charging for said content, andsaid transaction management means has a charging processing means for carrying
out processing based on said information relating to charging every time content delineated
by said boundary is newly substantially acquired by said data utilization means.

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Said Prelim Amend.
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